

REMARKS

Claims 23-25 and 27-42 are pending in this application.

In compliance with the Examiner's suggestion, Applicants have amended Claim 24. No new subject matter has been added to this application by way of this Amendment.

In addition, Applicants enclose herewith a Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 to more clearly define this invention.

Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Edward H. Valance (Reg. No. 19,896) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment(s): Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132

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